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# SC Annual School **Report Card** Summary

**R.P. Dawkins Middle School SPARTANBURG 6** 

Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 857** 

**Principal: Jay Seegars** 

**Superintendent: Dr. Darryl Owings Board Chair: Mr. Lynn Harris, Chairman** 

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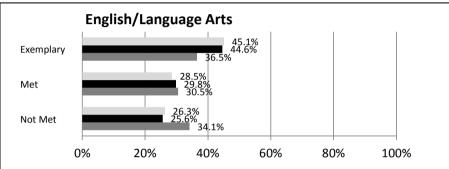
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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			<b>General Performance</b>	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	<b>Accountability Indicator</b>
2014	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	В	N/A
2013	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	В	N/A
2012	Good	Good	SILVER	N/A	Α	N/A

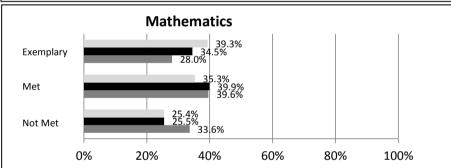
#### **ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

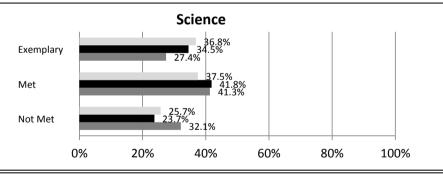
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	14	11	1	0

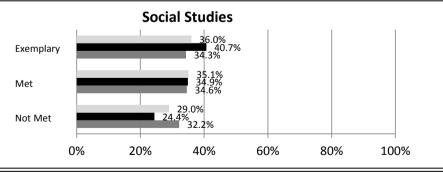
<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

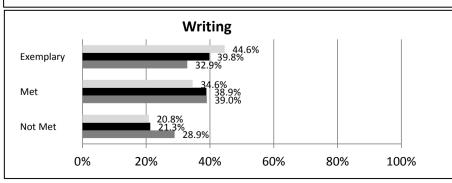
#### Our School Middle Schools with Middle Schools Statewide Students Like Ours **English/Language Arts**





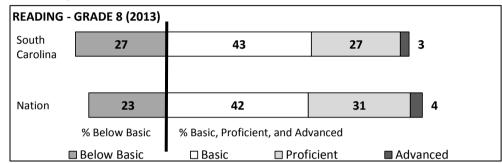


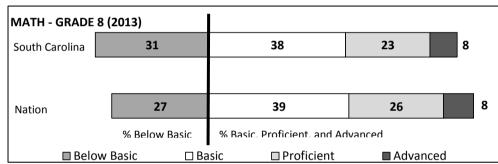


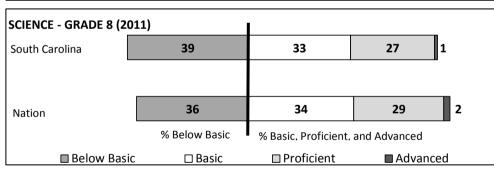


#### NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.







% of Students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.7%
English 1	100.0%	97.5%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	97.4%

#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

## **Abbreviations Key**

# R.P. Dawkins Middle School **SPARTANBURG 6**

#### **SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 857)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	23.5%	Up from 17.5%	35.2%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Down from 97.7%	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	35.5%	Up from 34.3%	23.8%	19.4%
With disabilities	9.8%	Up from 9.6%	11.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	Down from 2.3%	3.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.9%	Down from 77.4%	62.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Down from 86.8%	76.7%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.2%	Down from 93.5%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.2%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,514	Up 0.9%	\$48,464	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.3%	Up from 2.1%	3.8%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	14.1 days	Up from 13.3 days	10.2 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	No change	21.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.3%	Up from 91.2%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Up from 96.7%	99.2%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,818	Up 3.0%	\$7,060	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.3%	Down from 70.0%	63.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.9%	Up from 66.0%	62.6%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	88.7	Up from 86.7	82.7	77.9

<sup>\*</sup> Length of contract = 185+ days.

### **EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	270	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	70.8%	83.0%	90.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.2%	82.4%	88.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.2%	89.6%	76.2%

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2012-2013 school year was a successful one at R.P. Dawkins Middle. In keeping with our mission, a safe and nurturing learning environment was provided where every student had an opportunity to succeed. Our faculty remained committed to the development of students in the areas of academics, fine arts, athletics, and service to others. Once again, our students achieved success in each of these.

Academic rigor and increased learning opportunities for our students remain a primary focus at R.P. Dawkins. This year we were pleased to offer our seventh and eighth grade students two new exploratory classes: Gateway to Technology and Integrated Business Applications. Also, we added Honors English 9 for our eighth graders. Many students excelled in the classroom, and we were proud to have 29 students selected as SC Junior Scholars. Our academic team had another outstanding year. This year's team placed second in the Battle of the Brains competition and was the state winner in the Knowledge Master Open. The team qualified for the Junior National Academic Championship in Alexandria, Virginia and finished in sixth place

Our fine arts programs did an outstanding job this year. Orchestra, band, and chorus each had members recognized for their talents at the regional and state levels. Our orchestra program was as impressive as ever and earned another superior rating at Concert Festival. Also, we had three students make the 2012-2013 South Carolina All-State orchestra. The number of band participants grew from the previous year and earned a superior performance rating at Concert Festival. Chorus saw an increase in student participation and received an excellent performance rating.

Athletics at R.P. Dawkins remained a source of fun and pride for our students. Each of our programs was competitive and enjoyed winning seasons. Our girls' volleyball team was Peachtree Conference regular season and tournament champions. Our eighth grade football team was Peachtree Conference champion. In addition to football, volleyball, basketball, and wrestling, we added boys and girls soccer programs for our students.

Our Bearcats were committed to helping others in need and were busy with many charitable causes. Our student council led our student body in fundraising efforts for the Make-A- Wish Foundation, Relay for Life, and the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Other efforts were spent supporting Mobile Meals and the United Way.

With a combined effort, our students, parents, faculty and staff worked together to make this year a positive one. We were pleased with the growth of so many of our Bearcats and remain committed to meeting the needs of all our students. We expect success and look forward to what the future has in store for our students.

Jay Seegars, Principal

Stacey Beeler, SIC Chair

**Abbreviations Key** 

**N/R**-Not Reported

**I/S**-Insufficient Sample

**TBD**-To Be Determined

**N/A**-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

<sup>\*\*</sup>Prior year audited financial data available.